

### Agency Profile

Located in the westernmost portion of the County, between the Sacramento County line, Folsom Lake, Cameron Park, and Latrobe, the El Dorado Hills County Water District (EDH) was formed by the Board of Supervisors in July 1960 (pre-dating LAFCO, refer to Map 5). Formed under the provisions of the California Water Code, the district only provides fire suppression and emergency services. LAFCO has not determined the district's sphere of influence since Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg was adopted; however, in the last two years the Commission amended EDH's sphere of influence to include the Euer Ranch and Carson Creek projects.

### *Land Use Character*

El Dorado Hills is the most populous and rapidly developing area of the county. Land use in this area is mostly single family residential and contributes to a high demand for municipal services. EDH is the provider of fire suppression and emergency services to the area. Most of EDH's service area is designated as a "State Responsibility Area;" however, a small portion has a "Local Responsibility Area" designation. A growing commercial center is developing on Latrobe Road south of Highway 50.

### *Level of Service*

EDH provides a moderate to high level of services to its residents district-wide. Its per capita cost of services is \$270.06 in Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Its main funding mechanisms for these services are property taxes and development impact fees. Its three fire stations provide extensive coverage for the district: one in the north of El Dorado Hills, one in the center and a third in the west. The district has also broken ground on a fourth station on the district's south end near Euer Ranch and Carson Creek projects.

### Commission's Policies and Guidelines

LAFCO Policy 4.4 requires the Commission to review the following topics before making sphere of influence determinations. The Commission's recent review of fire suppression and emergency services addressed these requirements as noted below. All citations are from the Countywide Fire Suppression and Emergency Services Municipal Services Review, adopted by the Commission in August, 2006.

#### **1. *Service capacity, level and types of services currently provided by the agency, and areas where these services are provided***

Refer to pages 39-40, "Services and Programs;" page 40, "Infrastructure and Facilities;" page 41-42, "Equipment and Vehicles;" pages 43-44, "Personnel and Staffing;" page 288, "Table 107 – Comparative Ratio of Firefighters to Population per Agency;" page 300, "El Dorado Hills CWD (EDH)" and Map 7 – "West County Stations".

**2. *Financial capabilities and costs of service***

Refer to pages 47-48 “Funding and Budget;” pages 323-325, “Agency Funding;” page 346, “Table 113 – Comparative Ratio of Fire Protection Expenditures to Population per Agency;” and page 347, “Table 114 – Comparative Personnel Cost Percentage of Total Budget per Agency.”

**3. *Topographic factors and areas of social and economic interdependencies***

Refer to pages 36-37, “El Dorado Hills County Water District;” and page 313, “Table 111 – El Dorado County Land Use Forecasts.”

**4. *Existing and planned land uses, land use plans and policies, consistency with county and city general plans, and projected growth in the affected area***

Refer to pages 37-38 “Growth and Population;” and pages 311-315, “Growth and Population Projections for the Affected Area.”

**5. *Potential effects on agricultural and open space lands***

The Marble Valley area was historically used for grazing. In addition, the area also contains 77 acres of choice soils. Consequently, the development of the Marble Valley project will result in the conversion of this land from agricultural use to urban uses. However, the impact to the overall agriculture production in the county is minimal because the lease to graze the land expired in 2000 and the area is surrounded by non-agricultural uses. Approximately 1,840 acres will be preserved as open space.

**6. *A description of the services that will be provided to any areas which may be added to the sphere and the timing and method for funding expansion of facilities or services***

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**7. *An analysis of the effects of a proposed sphere of influence on other agencies and their service capabilities:***

Refer to pages 340-343, “Government Structure and Cost Effectiveness.”